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QUARTERLY LIST OF PROGRAMMING ADDRESSING COMMUNITY ISSUES

January - March 2013



Quarterly Issues and programming Report

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NBC 6/WTVJ attempts to serve the public interest, convenience and necessity by presenting broadcast material which treats significant issues of the people in the communities served by NBC 6/WTVJ.

The community issues to which WTVJ addressed significant programming were determined by knowledge obtained through community involvement and informal ascertainment of the general public, community leaders, public officials, inclusive of different ethnic organizations and service organizations, the following list emerged as issues needing media attention and support.

NBC 6/WTVJ recognizes that it has an ongoing obligation to remain aware of such community issues and to exercise its best judgment as to what broadcast matter should be programmed to treat those needs and interests. This report includes a brief description of such community issues and some of the programs we believe have provided the most significant treatment of such issues during the period January 1 through March 31, 2013.

The programs produced to meet the needs of the public include locally produced shows and newscasts as well as national programs, public service announcement campaigns, and sales marketing campaigns.

Community Issues

Consumer/Economy
Education
Ethnic/Diversity
Health
Politics
Community

Locally Produced Programs

Our locally produced, regularly scheduled programs address community issues, concerns and needs. The programs are as follows:

NBC 6/WTVJ News – Daily Local News Programs – WTVJ's daily newscasts devote considerable time to local issues and community problems.

6 in the Mix – This locally produced program features topical, informative, and entertainment interviews with public figures and community leaders.

Regularly scheduled, locally produced newscasts and programming include:

Program	Time	Days
NBC 6 South Florida Today at 5am	5:00-5:30am	Monday-Friday
NBC 6 South Florida Today at 5:30am	5:30-6:00am	Monday-Friday
NBC 6 South Florida Today at 6am	6:00-7:00am	Monday-Friday
NBC 6 South Florida Today at 11am	11:00-11:30am	Monday-Friday
6 In The Mix	11:30am-12:00pm	Monday-Friday
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NBC 6 South Florida News at 5pm	5:00-5:30pm	Monday-Friday
NBC 6 South Florida News at 5:30pm	5:30-6:00pm	Monday-Friday
NBC 6 South Florida News at 6pm	6:00-6:30 pm	Monday-Friday
NBC 6 South Florida News at 11pm	11:00-11:30pm	Monday-Friday
NBC 6 South Florida Today Saturday at 6am	6:00-7:00am	Saturday
NBC 6 South Florida Today Saturday at 9am	9:00-10:00am	Saturday
NBC 6 South Florida News at 6pm	6:00-6:30pm	Saturday
NBC 6 South Florida News at 11pm	11:00-11:30pm	Saturday
NBC 6 South Florida	6:00-8:00am	Sunday
Today Sunday at 6am		
NBC 6 South Florida News at 6pm	6:00-6:30pm	Sunday
NBC 6 South Florida News at 11pm	11:00-11:30pm	Sunday

CONSUMER/ECONOMY

NBC 6 brings a series of reports dealing with the most current and most concerning consumer and economic issues.

On The Money with Maria Bartiromo

In this weekly half hour show, Maria Bartiromo discusses the latest in market and economic news that impacts one's finances. This program airs on NBC 6 on Sundays at 7:30am.

Valued Cars

Reporter: Trina Robinson

1/8/13 5:30pm Length: 1:45

Consumer reports say the Mini Cooper's base model is a great value if you are looking to buy a

car, costing as low as forty-nine cents a mile to own.

Pension Ruling

Reporter: Trina Robinson

1/17/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

Governor Rick Scott won his largest victory from the Florida Supreme Court in a battle over pension contribution, but the decision wasn't considered a win by many. Among them were teachers, police and firefighters. Scott has given the okay for the state to take a three percent pension contribution from public employees. Unions argued that the three percent violated their contract and collective bargaining rights. While the court said that if the Legislation couldn't start asking for three percent going forward, then it could never change any benefit plan. A representative for the teachers from the Florida Education Association said they will take the fight to the 2014 election.

54 MPG Cars

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

1/21/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

54 is the magic number car makers now have in their sights. That is because this is the new average miles per gallon each company has to achieve by 2025. Companies have been instructed to improve their fuel efficiency by five percent every year for the next decade and beyond. Some companies are saying this is a burden, while others are welcoming the challenge. One way companies plan to meet the goal by using new materials such as aluminum and light weight but strong carbon fiber in their construction.

Scott- Teachers Pay Rate Reporter: Trina Robinson

1/23/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

Governor Rick Scott is looking to give Florida teachers a pay rate next year. With 168 thousand teachers across the board, that would mean a \$2,500 raise for each. The proposal comes as state economists predict a \$437 million budget surplus. If the plan makes it through the budget process, the pay raise will cost the state \$480 million.

Electric Cars

Reporter: Trina Robinson

1/25/13 5:30pm Length: 1:45

More and more cars companies are coming out with cars that are all-electric-no gas needed and several claim to be the equivalent of 100 miles per gallon or more. The government tax credit of up to \$7,500 could also have your thinking about getting an electric vehicle. Based on consumer reports, the Ford Focus Electric performed well at the consumer report test track with impressive ride and handling, and proved to be a lot more fun to ride than the Nissan Leaf, which is one of the first of the new wave of electric cars.

Congress Recess

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

2/15/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

There were just two weeks left to avoid automatic budget cut known as "The Sequester" and Congress and The White House appeared no closer to a deal. Members of congress left town for a week long recess. About \$85 billion have to be made in automatic cuts soon and unless congress agrees on alternative savings, dozens of programs will be slashed. The military would cut back on training and counter-terrorism efforts, ten thousand teachers could lose their jobs and disaster relief during events like super storm Sandy will be reduced. After the fiscal cliff negotiation Republicans are even more determined not to accept new taxes. Therefore, any package with taxes will be hard if not impossible to pass.

Bring Your Car to Last Reporter: Trina Robinson

2/20/13 5:30pm Length: 1:45

These days, people are looking for any way to stretch a dollar, and one way can be holding onto your car longer. However, consumer reports says if you are facing a repair that will cause more than the cars worth, or if your car starts to be unreliable even with frequent repairs then it may be time to say goodbye.

Budget Cuts

Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

2/22/13 5pm Length: 1:00

US Department of Transportation officials are predicting that if there is no political deal to stop the drastic federal spending cuts we could be facing a travel nightmare. Officials warned that flights to bigger cities like New York and Chicago could be delayed by ninety minutes. If a billion dollars isn't cut from the budget, it could send millions of Americans that are traveling a day into a travel disaster. President Obama outlined what he is demanding from the Republicans in congress, but republicans say the President has already won tax hikes on the rich and cuts are needed in government expending.

401K Penalties

Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

2/25/13 5pm Length: 1:00

A recent study showed that the number of people participating in 401K retirement plans reached an all-time high last year, with an average balance of \$7,600. But another study shows a growing downside to the retirement plans. One in four Americans have raided their 401K to pay monthly bills. People that have been unemployed for years say they had to other choice. With tax season around the corner, those who went into their retirement plan will found out how expensive it will be. This is why financial experts say it should be done only as a last resort.

Spending Cuts

Reporter: Jawan Strader

2/25/13 5am Length: 1:00

Due to spending cuts, the White House said to expect long lines and delays at the airport, thousands of teacher layoffs and food safety inspection risks. Some Republican senators however, said the White House was exaggerating the potential effects of the Sequester, but the cuts must happen.

Sequester Countdown Reporter: Jawan Strader

2/28/13 5am Length: 1:00

The day before \$85 billion in budget cuts went into effect, lawmakers discussed how to deal with the cuts instead of coming up with a compromise to avoid them. As a result, immediate changes were seen such as, Homeland Security released 300 illegal immigrants, House Speaker John Boehner warned lawmakers to stop using military planes and the administration claimed that teachers were already receiving pink slips.

Start Cuts

Reporter: Trina Robinson

3/1/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

Due to the sequester going into effect, early learning centers across Florida are bracing for a \$24 million cut, which equals a 10 percent cut. Nationwide, Head start would lose funding for 70,000 children and more than 10,000 teacher jobs would also be in jeopardy. This creates a problem for head start programs, which teach kids from six weeks through preschool.

Obama GOP

Reporter: Trina Robinson

3/13/13 5:30pm Length: 1:50

Obama has been back and forth with house Republicans over the budget crisis. After several meetings, the President is somewhat encouraged that he can find a common ground between Democrats and Republicans. The Senate committee released its proposed plan which includes,

raising taxes by almost a trillion dollars over a decade, but also cutting spending by almost a trillion dollars by closing tax loopholes that benefit the wealthy.

EDUCATION

Education continues to be a top priority in our community. Following are some of the ways in which NBC Miami has kept viewers up to date with all the latest.

Drop-out Rate

Reporter: Keith Jones

1/22/13 5am Length: 1:00

A new study shows the nation's high school graduation rate is now on the rise, with the highest numbers since 1976. According to the Education Department, the national drop-out rate is about 3% overall. In the sunshine state, the four-year graduation rate sits at 70.8% and the drop-out rate at about 2.3%. Arizona had the highest drop-out rate, at 8%, followed by Mississippi. Nationally, Hispanic students posted a 5% drop-out rate.

Pitbull School

Reporter: Trina Robinson

2/22/13 5pm Length: 1:45

Rapper Pitbull, Mr. 305, is using his success to build a school in order to give kids a better future. Pitbull has made his mark in music, but is now well on his way to making a huge footprint in the world of education. Students not only in Miami, but nationwide could benefit.

Disney Honors Students Reporter: Keith Jones

3/10/13 11pm Length: 1:00

Three South Florida high school students were honored at Disney World, and it was all part for their role in an educational mentoring program called "The Disney Dreamers Academy". The three students were selected from over five thousands applicants and were given an all-expense paid trip to the theme park.

Tuition Hike

Reporter: Trina Robinson

3/28/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

Florida college students pay some of the lowest tuition rates in the nation, but a plan to keep them low may be falling apart. Universities presidents are vowing not to raise tuition if state lawmakers will restore last year's \$300 million budget cut, and add an additional \$100 million. Even if they get out of the legislative session without a tuition increase, they'd still have to convince the university system's board of governors to keep the cost of college low. University presidents are still hoping to avoid a legislative tuition increase, and the secret weapon may be Governor Rick Scott, who opposes the increases and has veto power.

Teacher's Pensions Reporter: Jackie Nespral

3/28/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

The Florida Education Association says teacher retirement is in jeopardy. The Teacher's Union held a news conference ahead of a senate vote to close the pension system to new senior managers and elected officials. The house version closes the system to all new hires and the FEA vice president says changing the state's defined contribution plan would make it harder for teachers to retire.

Florida Budget Reporter: Jackie Nespral

3/29/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

At the Capitol, House Speaker Will Weatherford wants to spend more than a billion dollars on education with money set aside for teacher's pay raises. Governor Rick Scott is also proposing teacher pay raises, but Scott wants a \$2,500 increase across the board. The house budget includes a \$1,400 across the board pay raise for all state employees.

ETHNIC/DIVERSITY

In order to address the interest of South Florida's diverse population, NBC 6 airs Hispanics Today and Our World with Black Enterprise. These programs aired on the following days/times:

Our World with Black Enterprise Saturdays @5:00AM 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2/, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30

Hispanics Today Saturdays @ 5:30AM 1/5, 1/12, 1/19, 1/26, 2/2/, 2/9, 2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30

Station Black History Celebration "We are One"

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2013

Speaker: Bobbie Henry Host: Jawan Strader

Entertainment: Sons of Mystro

In addition to the weekly shows mentioned above, NBC 6 reports on stories that focus on the diversity in South Florida.

MLK Day

Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

1/21/13 11pm Length: 1:00

With the President's second inauguration falling on the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, he made sure to honor the civil rights leaders by using one of Dr.King's bibles during his oath.

Women in Combat Reporter: Steve Litz 1/23/13 11pm Length: 2:10

The Secretary of Defense was deciding on whether or not women in the military should serve on the front lines of combat.

Boy Scout Gay Ban Reporter: Jawan Strader

2/6/13 5am Length: 1:50

Boy Scouts of America were stalling on a vote on whether to accept gays. The organization left it up to local troops to decide on the long-standing ban on gay scouts and scouts leaders.

Pentagon Same Sex Benefits Reporter: Jackie Nespral

2/6/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00 In another big step forward for gay rights in the military, the Pentagon is extending certain benefits to same-sex partners of military personal.

Immigration Proposal Reporter: Keith Jones

2/17/13 6pm Length: 1:55

President Obama's Chief of Staff confirmed that the White House has been working on its own

immigration reform plan.

Nurse Racism Suit

Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

2/19/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

A nurse is suing a Michigan hospital after claiming she was reassigned after a patient's father requested no African-American nurses cares for his child.

NFL Players Support Gay Marriage

Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

3/1/13 11pm Length: 1:00

Two NFL players took their support of gay rights to the US Supreme Court. Chris Kluve and Brandon Ayanbadejos filed a brief asking the high court to strike down California's ban on gay marriage. The players called the ban unconstitutional, arguing that it denies gay people equal protection under the law.

Obama Gay Marriage

Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

3/1/13 5pm Length: 1:00

President Barack Obama spoke out against California's ban on gay marriage which is before the Supreme Court. He says it's a matter of equality and his administration had to weigh in on the case. If the President's position is adopted by the court, it would likely result in gay marriage becoming legal in California once again.

Domestic Partners Reporter: Pam Giganti

3/12/13 6am Length: 1:00

Gay rights activists gathered at the State Capitol trying to change minds about same sex couples. They are pushing for a bill that would allow same-sex couples to register their civil unions. The legal recognition would allow them to visit each other in the hospital, in prison and make emergency decisions for each other.

HEALTH

As the first generation of Baby Boomers are retiring and more people are becoming health conscious, NBC 6 offers an array of reports – from the most concerning and relevant health issues to the latest in medical technology.

Flu Season Outbreak Reporter: Diana Gonzalez

1/8/13 6pm Length: 2:20

South Florida had a significant spike in flu cases and local hospitals and urgent care centers were dealing with the influx. The number of flu cases reported in Florida jumped in a matter of weeks, worse than last year.

Cancer Test

Reporter: Trina Robinson

1/9/13 5:30pm Length: 1:30

Doctors are putting a new spin on an old test to detect certain cancers early; researches in Baltimore were using the pap smear to find more cervical cancer. They said they can now spot ovarian and endometrial cancer, which are deadly forms of the disease that there are currently no screening tests for.

Flu Epidemic

Reporter: Trina Robinson

1/11/13 5pm Length: 2:15

The flu was widespread in nearly every state and officials said the number of sick people had reached an epidemic level. Last year, 128 of 135 million doses of the flu vaccine were distributed in the US. The CDC received reports of flu shot providers running out of the vaccine.

Ultrasound Parties

Reporter: Diana Gonzalez

2/5/13 11pm Length: 2:00

Ultrasounds are usually done at a doctor's office, but this one is being performed baby showers. Some say it's a great new idea, but a doctor is questioning if it should become a hot new trend due to possible health effects.

Do You Know Your Drugs? Reporter: Diana Gonzalez

2/15/13 11pm Length: 4:20

Contaminated injectable medications were under investigations after not only making patients sick but in some cases becoming deadly. The FDA sent warnings letters to two Florida

pharmacies still operating in Hollywood and as a result, patients need to be aware of where their medications are being processed.

Botox Injectable

Reporter: Diana Gonzalez

2/15/13 5:30pm Length: 3:05

Botox injections are the most popular cosmetic procedures in the country. Winkle relaxing injections were performed 5.7 million times last year, but the FDA is concerned that not all patients are being treated with approved and safe medications.

Exercise to Sleep

Reporter: Jawan Strader

3/4/13 5am Length: 1:00

According to a new poll from the National Sleep Foundation, the more you exercise the better you sleep. The poll of a thousand adults found that regular exercisers slept better and felt more refreshed in the morning than people who did not exercise. Spending less time sitting may also help. Those who sat no more than 8 hours a day had better sleep quality than more sedentary people.

Energy Drink Dangers Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

3/21/13 5pm Length: 1:45

Although energy drinks make it easy to add an immediate boost to one's day, they can potentially cause dangerous health problems. According to new research that energy burst comes with a consequence, especially among teens and young adults.

POLITICS

NBC 6 is devoted to covering a myriad of local, national, and international government issues during its newscast. The coverage includes profiles of policy makers, political debates, political controversies, and school board issues.

Giffords' Gun Control Reporter: Jackie Nespral

1/8/13 6pm Length: 1:55

There is a new push for tougher gun laws led by former Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who was wounded in a mass shooting two years ago.

Chavez Inauguration Reporter: Julia Bagg

1/9/13 5am Length: 2:00

The people of Venezuela were demanding answers after the country's government postponed Chavez's inauguration. This raised more questions about how sick he really was.

Chavez Inauguration Reporter: Hank Tester

1/9/13 6pm Length: 1:30

Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez did not attend his inauguration because he was recovering from cancer surgery. This announcement created even more confusion over the countries' future.

NYC Gun Control

Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

1/15/12 11pm Length: 1:50

Governor Andrew Cuomo signed a bill into law, hours after it pass through the state assembly. It aims to keep guns out of the hands of criminals and the mentally ill with a database. The law also prohibits sales of assault weapons and restricts ammunition magazines to seven bullets. People who owned previously legal semiautomatic rifles can keep their weapons, but still have to register with the police. New York is the first state to require a background check to buy bullets.

Rubio Ryan Immigration Reporter: Keith Jones

1/15/13 5am Length: 1:00

Florida Senator Marco Rubio is gaining party support on immigration reform. While some Republicans reject any legislation as a form of amnesty, Mr. Rubio proposal could include measures to give legal status to millions of illegal immigrants. He said it will also insist on new

measures to ensure strict enforcement at the border and within the country. Former Vice presidential candidate Paul Ryan said that Senator Rubio is right when it comes to the need to fix a broken system.

Brazil Chavez Elections Reporter: Keith Jones

1/15/13 6am Length: 1:00

When Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez's health was in question, other countries urged Venezuela to be ready if their leader happened to die. Brazil urged the Venezuelan government to be prepared to hold elections as quickly as possible should Chavez happen to die, being that a quick election is the best way to ensure a peaceful democratic transition.

School Gun Safety Reporter: Keith Jones

1/16/13 5am Length: 1:00

The effort to keep South Florida students and teachers safe continues. Joe Gehr a Former Israeli Defense Forces captain, and now the CEO of "Technon Tactical" was offering teachers a demonstration course for those that wanted to learn how to protect themselves and their students.

Inauguration Ceremony Reporter: Adam Kuperstein

1/21/13 5:30pm Length: 2:30

As President Obama's second term if officially underway many questioned if he can overcome the challenges that many two-term president have faced. Advisers said, the president would focus on guns, immigration, the energy policy and the economy.

Inauguration Gays

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

1/21/13 11pm Length: 1:00

President Obama made history by becoming the first president to address gay rights in his inauguration speech.

Gun Control March

Reporter: Jawan Strader

1/26/13 6pm Length: 1:00

Thousands of people marched through Washington, D.C. for stricter gun control laws. They walked from Capitol Hill to the Washington Monument and called on Congress to pass a ban on military-style assault weapons and high capacity ammunition magazines. Organizers said the Washington rally was part of a nationwide protest in favor of gun control.

Immigration and Guns Reporter: Jawan Strader

1/27/13 11pm Length: 2:00 In Washington the battles over guns and immigration reform have taken center stage. The President is expected to push for improving border security, expanding the system for employers to verify their workers' legal status and creating a path to citizenship for illegal immigrants.

Chavez Letter

Reporter: Keith Jones

1/29/13 6am Length: 1:30

A letter was submitted to the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States by Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez, giving his approval of Cuban leader Raul Castro, as the rotating president of the organization. In the letter, Chavez said, that he is "praying for the complete and excellent development of CELAC." He also condemns the US embargo of Cuba. The CELAC consists of 33 countries aimed at deepening Latin America integration.

POTUS Immigration Reporter: Jackie Nespral

1/29/13 6pm Length: 1:15

President Obama used his first out-of-town trip of his second term to talk about immigration. At a high school in Las Vegas, the president called on congress to come up with a plan to deal with the 11 million illegal immigrants living in the US. He stressed any proposed plan had to include a path to citizenship. A bipartisan proposal in congress does include a path to citizenship, but some Republicans argued it would be a form of amnesty that would only lead to more illegal immigration.

Schultz and Giffords Gun Control

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

1/30/13 11pm Length: 1:10

Former representative Gabrielle Giffords made a dramatic appeal to end gun violence. Giffords was joined by her husband, former astronaut Captain Mark Kelly. Giffords has become a public advocate for gun control after being severely injured in a shooting at a campaign event more than two years ago in Tuscan, Arizona. Closer to home, one of Giffords' closest friends Debbie Wasserman-Schultz is also tackling the gun control debate. Schultz was joined by local members of the NRA at a meeting in Oakland Park, where gun-control supporters discussed initiating a mandatory universal background check, even at gun shows where many gun buyers have been able to get around them.

Gimenez Election Reform Reporter: Trina Robinson

2/1/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

Miami-Dade County is coming up with a plan to avoid a repeat of the messy November election. Mayor Carlos Gimenez and an election advisory group reviewed 23 recommendations to improve the election process in the county. During the presidential election, Miami-Dade voters encountered lines that in some cases were at least six hours long. Among the recommendations was expanding the number of early voting days to at least nine, as well as the number of sites used for early voting. The State Legislature would have to act before the county can implement changes when it comes to early voting. Governor Rick Scott gives his support for expanding early voting days and sites.

Obama Gun Control Reporter: Jackie Nespral

2/4/13 6pm Length: 1:00

In an effort to push gun control, President Obama met with Minnesota state leaders and law enforcement officials at the Minneapolis Police Department's Special Operations Center. The president proposed requiring criminal background checks for all gun sales, banning so-called assault weapons and limiting ammunitions magazines to ten rounds. Gun control is expected to be a focus for the president's State of the Union speech.

Florida Voting Reformed Reporter: Trina Robinson

3/4/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

For the 2013 Florida Legislative session, senate democrats were promoting a seven step plan to fix the state's election problems. Long lines, slow returns and absentee ballots problems plagued voting in the sunshine state last November. To fix the problems, senate democrats proposed restoring early voting to fourteen days, opening the polls the Sunday before Election Day adding more precincts and putting in place more in person absentee voting.

Gun Control

Reporter: Jackie Nespral

3/7/13 5:30pm Length: 1:30

The first of several gun control bills have been proposed after the shootings in Newtown, and were headed to the senate floor for a vote. The Senate Judiciary Committee approved the bill making gun trafficking a federal crime, with up to twenty-five years in prison. Three other bills addressing universal background checks, an assault weapons ban and funding for school security are still under debate. All four bills are expected to clear the Senate Judiciary Committee. As for the full senate, the trafficking bill is thought to have the best chances, while the assault weapons ban has the least.

Gun Control

Reporter: Sharon Lawson

3/29/13 5am Length: 1:00

The recent polls showed that support for new gun laws has dropped by ten points since the Newtown shooting and in congress, at least six senate democrats can vote against reforms.

Chris Matthews Show

Chris Matthews has been following American politics all his life. In this weekly half hour show, Chris discusses political issues of interest to the community and interviews pertinent political figures. This program airs on NBC 6 Sundays at 7am.

President Barack Obama's Second Inauguration

NBC 6 brought viewers the latest on the president's second inauguration. On Sunday, January 20, 2013, the day before the inauguration NBC 6 reporter Steve Litz was live during the 11pm newscast giving viewers a preview of what they could expect. Then, on the day of the inauguration, in addition to live network coverage of the inauguration NBC 6 was live in Washington during the 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

The Death of Hugo Chavez

Due to the large Venezuelan population here in South Florida, on March 5, 2013, NBC 6 aired a half hour special on the life and death of Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez. I

COMMUNITY

What goes on in the local community is something of interest and concern here in South Florida. Followed are some of the ways in which NBC Miami has kept viewers aware and involved in what is going on in their community.

National Signing Day Special

2/6/13 7pm

NBC 6 had special coverage of National Signing Day, which is the first official day that senior high school student-athletes can sign Letters of Intent to attend colleges and universities. We had coverage in our 5pm, 6pm and 11pm sportscasts as well a live 30-minute special.

Ultra Music Festival Reporter: Keith Jones

1/10/13 5am Length: 1:00

City commissioners voted on whether or not Ultra Music Festival should be a 6-day event. Locals thought it would be too much, while several businesses and restaurant owners thought it would a great idea.

Miami Gun Buyback Reporter: Betty Yu 1/19/13 6pm Length: 1:50

In an effort to get guns off the streets, the City of Miami was paying residents in exchange for their firearms. Miami police were calling it the city's most successful gun buyback to date. Officers traded gift cards for any type of guns in model city.

Dophins Tax Break Bid Reporter: Jackie Nespral

2/5/13 5:30pm Length: 1:00

The Dophins' CEO appeared before a senate committee seeking \$3 million a year from sales generated by the team to renovate the stadium. Lawmakers say the bill opens up the door for other franchises in Florida to ask for help in improving their attendance, but they are open for negotiations.

Miami Dolphin's Stadium Reporter: Sharon Lawson

2/10/13 11pm Length: 1:00

Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez and Miami Dolphins' officials have agreed to a local referendum on stadium renovation funding. The referendum will let the voters decide if public money should use to help pay for upgrades to Sunlife stadium. Vice Chair of the Miami-Dade county commission, Lynda Bell, said the Miami Dolphins should pay for the cost and not the voters. The Dolphins would like to hold the vote before May 22.

Heart Lunch

Reporter: Trina Robinson

2/15/13 5:30m Length: 1:00

Some special hearts gathered today at the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. The annual Heart Lunch is an event for families of children with congenital heart conditions. The event was sponsored by Angel's Pediatric Heart House, a non-profit organization, which seeks to celebrate the lives of kids facing this difficult illness and give parents supports from other families.

Feeding Families Reporter: Keith Jones

2/23/13 11pm Length: 1:00

The City of Sweetwater helped hundreds of needy families by hosting the monthly food giveaway. Sweetwater city officials teamed up with "Farm Share" to help struggling families or "fixed-income" elderly to give away more than one thousand food boxes away.

Dolphin Stadium

Reporter: Sharon Lawson

3/7/13 6am Length: 1:00

A senate panel unanimously approved a measure that would guarantee \$3 million a year to help pay for upgrades at Sunlife Stadium. However, the committee changed the bill, to require a referendum before local bed taxes can be used for the projects. The legislation must still go through two more senate committees, before it reaches the full senate.